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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, August 18, 2005  
Doubletree Hotel, 835 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, 94010

**Members Present**

Patricia Osuna, RDH, Chair  
Louis Turchi, DDS

**Members Absent**

Brandon Hernandez, Public  
Kamran Sahabi, DDS

**Staff Present**

Georgetta Coleman-Griffith, Interim Executive Officer  
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer  
Alan Mangels, Attorney General Liaison  
Gregory Salute, Deputy Attorney General  
LaVonne Powell, Legal Counsel  
LaRita Abdul-Rahman, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Ms. Osuna, who was the only committee member present when roll was called. Dr. Turchi arrived during discussion of the May minutes. Ms. Osuna asked for clarification from legal counsel with regard to the lack of a quorum. Ms. Powell said she could still, as a sub-committee of 1, make recommendations to the Board for when it is next able to meet.

**10.1 Approval of Minutes.** The following corrections were made to the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting:

- Item 11.2 – Proposal to Allow CE for GA/CS Onsite Evaluations - Delete the last sentence that says CALAOMS would be asked to address the Committee on the issue.
- 11.3 – Consideration of Mandatory CE Course on Dental Professionals Against Violence – Correct the name of the expert that addressed the Committee to Dr. Kathleen Shanel-Hogan. Also, the last sentence should reflect that the Committee will ask for input from all interested parties.

Ms. Osuna recommended the Board accept the minutes as corrected.

**10.2 Proposal to Allow CE for GA/CS Onsite Evaluations**

Ms. Osuna reported that the CE Committee did not meet on July 6<sup>th</sup> as scheduled, due to the resignation of member LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA. Ms. Osuna said staff has been asked to contact COMDA for the number and frequency of CE credits given to the RDH examiners

and also obtain that information for Dental Board examiners. She pointed out that the evaluators are provided with CE credits when they take the Evaluator Training Course, which provides the tools for them to be competent evaluators. She recommended this item be carried over to the November meeting.

### 10.3 Consideration of Mandatory CE Course on Dental Professionals Against Violence

This item was also slated for discussion on July 6, 2005, but as previously noted, that meeting did not take place. Ms. Osuna invited any interested parties to address the group, and recognized Kathleen Shanel-Hogan. Dr. Shanel-Hogan distributed information to Board members and staff present, which included draft regulations.

Dr. Shanel-Hogan said the proposal is that it be a one-time mandatory course of two units, required for the first renewal of a new license. She also spoke of proposed required curriculum for the dental schools, but Ms. Osuna pointed out that the discussion here today could only be about the proposed mandatory CE for licensees. Ms. Osuna said this item will be on the agenda the next time the Committee meets.

Kathy Mudge, CDA, said they continue to oppose this subject as a mandatory CE course, although they very much recognize the importance of the issue and said their Foundation works on the issue.

Joanne Galliano, representing CDHA, said they also support the concept of training, but do not support a mandatory course. She pointed out that there are already laws requiring reporting.

Dr. Shanel-Hogan said that as this item appeared on the agenda, it appeared the Board was being asked to considering a specific CE course, and wanted to clarify that is not the case.

### 10.4 Discussion of CE Audits

Ms. Osuna suggested for discussion that license renewal forms, including the online form, be changed to require a licensee list all CE courses taken by date, course number and title. This would make it easier for staff to conduct audits. Dr. Turchi asked if we had the staff to do this. There was brief discussion of random audits, and Ms. Coleman-Griffith said that although we have the authority to conduct audits, we are not doing random audits now due to staff resources. Audits are done as part of an investigation. She said what is being proposed would provide the opportunity to scan the information, whether or not there is staff available to verify it now. She offered to look into how this might be incorporated into the renewal application.

With no additional public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.